

OUSD(A&T)DP for consideration through the department/agency Contract Finance Committee members (also see Subpart 204.1 for deviation request and approval procedures).

(c) The Under or Assistant Secretary, or other designated official, responsible for the comptroller function within the department or agency is the focal point for financing matters at the department/agency headquarters. Departments and agencies may establish contract financing offices at operational levels.

(1) Department/agency contract financing offices are—

(i) Army: Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Management);

(ii) Navy: Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Financial Management and Comptroller), Office of Financial Operations;

(iii) Air Force: Air Force Contract Financing Office (SAF/FMPB);

(iv) Defense agencies: Office of the agency comptroller.

(2) Contract financing offices should participate in—

(i) Developing regulations for contract financing;

(ii) Developing contract provisions for contract financing; and

(iii) Resolving specific cases that involve unusual contract financing requirements.

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#### **232.071 Contract Finance Committee.**

(a) The Contract Finance Committee consists of—

(1) A representative of OUSD(A&T)DP, serving as the Chair;

(2) A representative of the Comptroller of the Department of Defense;

(3) A representative of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service;

(4) A representative of the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council (for matters pertaining to the FAR);

(5) A representative of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (for matters pertaining to the FAR);

(6) An advisory consultant from the Defense Contract Audit Agency; and

(7) Two representatives of each military department and the Defense Logistics Agency (one representing con-

tracting and one representing the contract finance office).

(b) The Committee—

(1) Advises and assists OUSD(A&T)DP in ensuring proper and uniform application of policies, procedures, and forms;

(2) Is responsible for formulating, revising, and promulgating uniform contract financing regulations;

(3) May recommend to the Secretary of Defense through OUSD(A&T)DP further policy directives on financing; and

(4) Meets at the request of the Chair or a member.

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#### **232.072 Financial responsibility of contractors.**

Use the policies and procedures in this section in determining the financial capability of current or prospective contractors.

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#### **232.072-1 Required financial reviews.**

The contracting officer shall perform a financial review when the contracting officer does not otherwise have sufficient information to make a positive determination of financial responsibility. In addition, the contracting officer shall consider performing a financial review—

(a) Prior to award of a contract, when—

(1) The contractor is on a list requiring preaward clearance or other special clearance before award;

(2) The contractor is listed on the Consolidated List of Contractors Indebted to the Government (Hold-Up List), or is otherwise known to be indebted to the Government;

(3) The contractor may receive Government assets such as contract financing payments or Government property;

(4) The contractor is experiencing performance difficulties on other work; or

(5) The contractor is a new company or a new supplier of the item.

(b) At periodic intervals after award of a contract, when—

(1) Any of the conditions in paragraphs (a)(2) through (a)(5) of this subsection are applicable; or